

DOCTOR • WHO

THE SKRAWN INHERITANCE

PART ONE

THIS IS THE LUXURY ASTROLINER *TRITANIC*, CRUISING THE OUTER REACHES OF THE GALACTIC RIM...

...THE HOT DESTINATION FOR THE RICHEST HOLIDAYMAKERS IN THE FIFTY-NINTH CENTURY!

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IT'S BEAUTIFUL, DOCTOR.
ABSOLUTELY *BEAUTIFUL*.

BUT
IT'S SO
VAST...

...IT'LL BE LIKE
LOOKING FOR
A NEEDLE IN A
HAYSTACK!

JUST RELAX
AND ENJOY
THE VIEW...

...NOT MANY PEOPLE
GET TO SEE THE
KOLOX NEBULA UP
THIS CLOSE.

YOU HAVE TO
BE EITHER
VERY RICH, OR
VERY LOST.

AND WITHOUT
THE *TARDIS*,
I GUESS
WE'RE VERY
LOST.

I'VE NEVER CONSIDERED
MYSELF ONE OF THE
VERY RICH - UNLESS I'M
COUNTING *FRIENDS*. OR
ENEMIES, COME TO THINK
OF IT. I'M VERY RICH IN
FRIENDS AND ENEMIES!

STOP WORRYING.
I'M SURE THE
TARDIS IS OUT THERE
SOMEWHERE...





SURRENDER
THIS VESSEL TO
THE SKRAWN!

NOT EXACTLY
FRIENDLY,
ARE THEY?

NOT
EXACTLY,
NO...



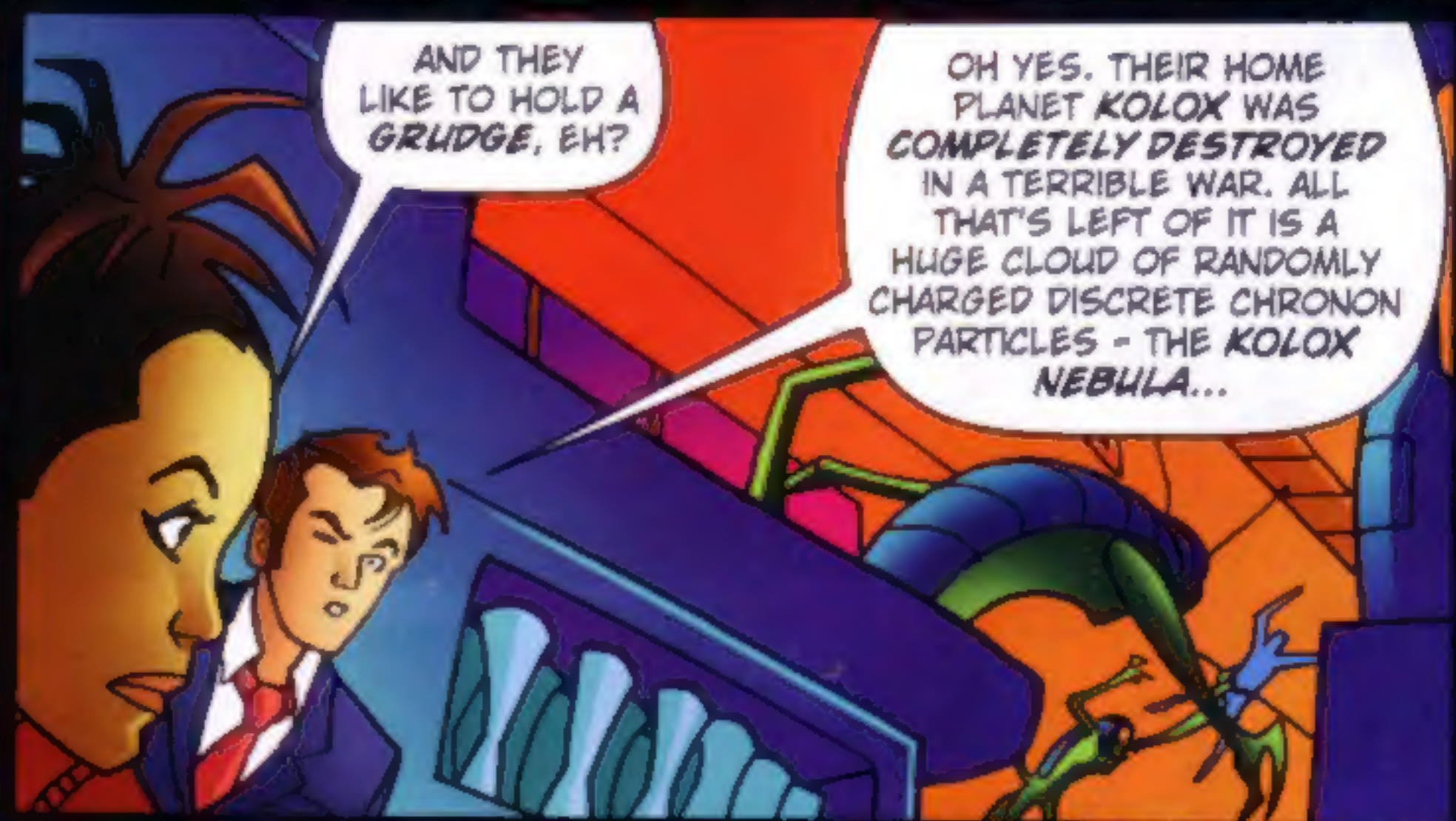
THE SKRAWN ARE ONE OF
THIS GALAXY'S NASTIER
CREATURES. ANGRY AS A JAR
FULL OF WASPS AND A CHIP
ON THEIR SHOULDERS THE
SIZE OF A PLANET.

THERE ARE
HUNDREDS
OF THEM!



"THE WARRIOR SKRAWN ARE
ARMED WITH LETHAL STINGS. ONE
SCRATCH AND IT'S ANAPHYLACTIC
SHOCK. THE FULL STING MEANS A
LONG, PAINFUL DEATH."

FEEL THE
STING OF
THE SKRAWN,
HUMAN FILTH!



AND THEY
LIKE TO HOLD A
GRUDGE, EH?

OH YES. THEIR HOME
PLANET KOLOX WAS
COMPLETELY DESTROYED
IN A TERRIBLE WAR. ALL
THAT'S LEFT OF IT IS A
HUGE CLOUD OF RANDOMLY
CHARGED DISCRETE CHRONON
PARTICLES - THE KOLOX
NEBULA...



...OR, AS SOME
PEOPLE CALL IT,
THE SKRAWN
INHERITANCE.



THIS WAY, MY
BRAVE SKRAWN
WARRIORS!

SO WHERE ARE
THEY OFF TO NOW?

GOOD QUESTION.
MY GUESS IS **THE
BRIDGE** - IT'S THE
ONLY PLACE THAT
COULD POSSIBLY
INTEREST THEM.



THE BRIDGE?

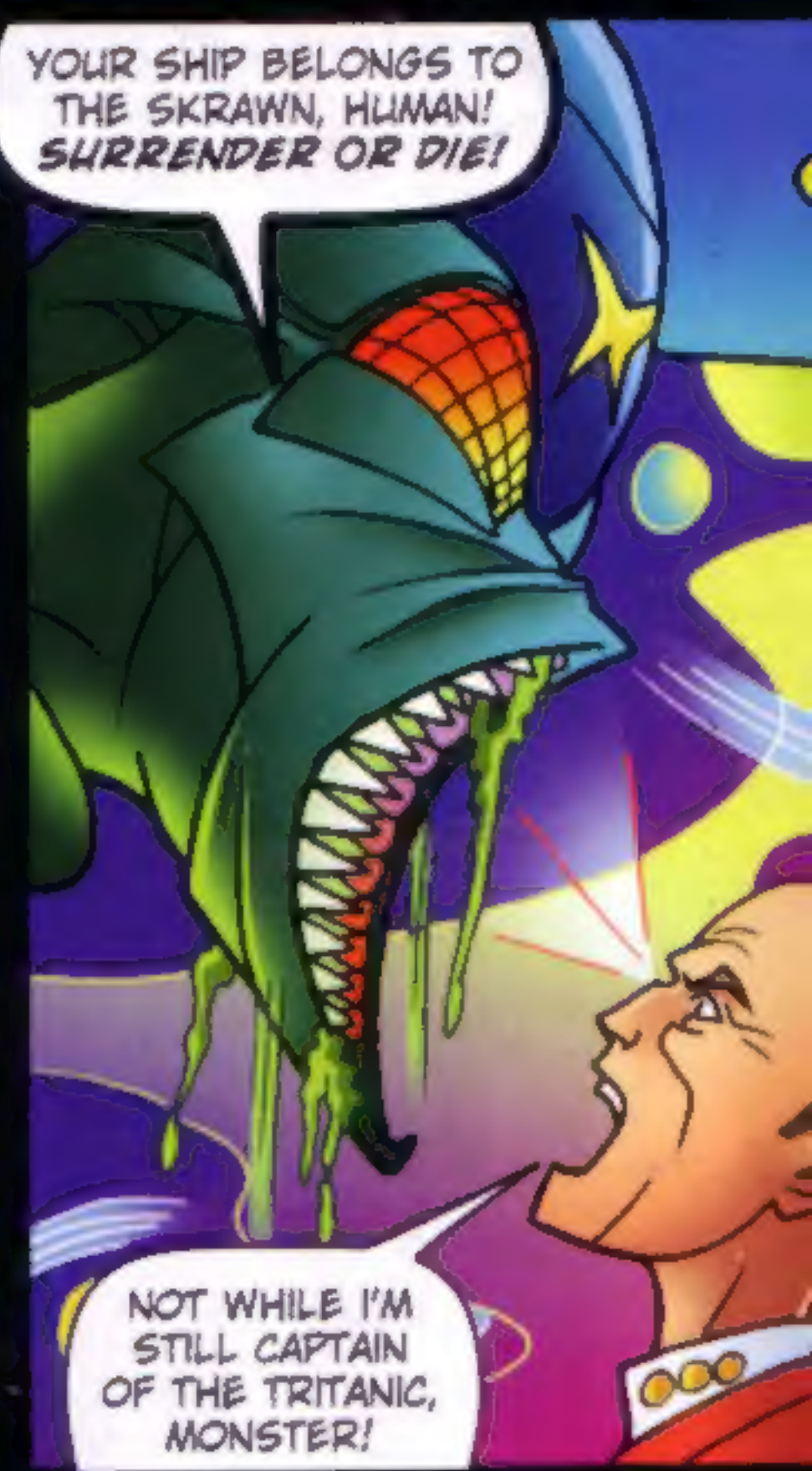
NERVE CENTRE
OF THE ENTIRE
SHIP. WHERE **WE**
SHOULD BE, TOO.
COME ON!



CAPTAIN -
**HOSTILE LIFE-
FORMS ON THE
BRIDGE...**

GREAT SCOTT!
PREPARE
TO **REPEL
BORDERS!**

AAAARRGHH!



**YOUR SHIP BELONGS TO
THE SKRAWN, HUMAN!
SURRENDER OR DIE!**


**NOT WHILE I'M
STILL CAPTAIN
OF THE TRITANIC,
MONSTER!**



WAIT! YOU
DON'T WANT TO JUMP
TO CONCLUSIONS,
DO YOU?

WHAT IS
THE MEANING
OF THIS?


SORRY TO INTERRUPT, BUT
I'M **THE DOCTOR** - THIS IS
MARTHA, BY THE WAY - AND
I THINK YOU'RE MAKING A
BIG MISTAKE HERE.



THERE IS NO MISTAKE.

WELL NO, NOT YET. FORTUNATELY I'M HERE TO STOP YOU MAKING ANY. FOR INSTANCE, **KILLING THE CREW** - THAT WOULD BE AN ABSOLUTE **WHOPPER**.

EXPLAIN!




WELL, IT'S **OBVIOUS**, ISN'T IT? YOU LOT SMASHING YOUR WAY IN HERE LIKE THIS, ABOARD THIS SHINY NEW ASTROLINER, IN AN ACT OF WHAT CAN ONLY BE DESCRIBED AS **INTERSTELLAR PIRACY**...

...IT'S BOUND TO **END IN TEARS**.




TEARS?



YES, **TEARS**. OR WHATEVER YOU **SKRAWN** HAVE INSTEAD OF TEARS, WHEN YOU GET **UPSET**.

SKRAWN WARRIORS DO NOT GET **UPSET**.



YES YOU DO. COME ON, **ADMIT IT!** WHAT ABOUT THE **SKRAWN INHERITANCE**, THEN, EH?

THE PLANET **KOLOX** **BLOWN AWAY** IN A TEMPORAL **SPASM**...

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IT'S SUPPOSED TO HELP THE SHIP NAVIGATE THE *TIME WINDS* IN THE KOLOX NEBULA. IT'S PURELY EXPERIMENTAL AT THE MOMENT...

...BUT I HAD HOPED
TO USE IT TO FIND
THE *TARDIS*!

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THAT'S JUST WHAT I THOUGHT...!

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SKRAWN WILL BE ABLE
TO CONTROL THE ENTIRE
KOLOX NEBULA!

WE WILL RECLAIM
OUR INHERITANCE! WE
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